

RANGE OF THE THERMOMETER.  
The thermometer ranged as follows at  
The Times office yesterday: 9 A. M., 62; 12  
M., 68; 3 P. M., 72; 6 P. M., 69; 9 P. M., 65;  
12 midnight, 58. Average, 65.2-3.

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# BIRMINGHAM DEVASTATED BY A VIOLENT TORNADO

More Than Score of Persons Killed and Fully  
Double That Number Injured.

## PROMINENT PEOPLE KILLED.

Among the Dead Are Dr. J. C. Chapman and  
Wife and R. J. Lowe, Chairman Dem-  
ocratic Executive Committee

## MANY NEGROES AMONG THE INJURED.

The Storm Struck Their Settlements and Their Houses  
Were Demolished Like Egg Shells--Property  
Loss Estimated at a Quarter of  
a Million Dollars.

(By Associated Press.)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 25.--  
Shortly before 10 o'clock this  
morning a fearful tornado swept  
over the southern section of this  
city, travelling in an easterly di-  
rection. The number of killed is  
estimated at twenty-five, but only  
five of them are white. The de-  
struction of property is placed at  
a quarter of a million dollars.  
Eighteen bodies have been re-  
covered from the debris up to dark,  
and scores of injured have been  
removed to the hospitals.

### THE DEAD.

Among the dead are:  
Dr. G. C. Chapman, of the firm  
of Tally & Chapman, who conducts  
a private infirmary in this city.  
The wife and infant child of  
Hon. Robert J. Lowe, Chairman of  
the Democratic Executive Com-  
mittee.

J. Alexander,  
Little daughter of B. B. Hudson.  
F. Myer, colored, collector Union  
Mutual Association of Mobile.  
Carrie Hudson, colored.  
Maggie Blevins, colored.  
Carrie Henry, colored.  
Lizzie Glenn, colored.  
Cook for B. B. Hudson, colored.  
Unknown carpenter, struck by  
flying lumber.

Fatally injured:  
Mrs. R. H. Thomas.  
Mrs. W. H. Thomas.  
Mrs. D. D. McLaughlin.  
Mrs. J. D. Ferguson.  
Mrs. Lyum.

Injured--John Dillon, 12-  
bright Deathro, back of head cut;  
J. E. Minter, hands and head cut;  
child of Mrs. McLaughlin, Mrs.  
Sovens, T. L. Holan, arm broken;  
Mrs. Lynch and daughter, internal  
injuries; Frank Krimsey, arm broken  
and head bruised; Mrs. F. C.  
Schaefer and baby, slight injuries;  
Mrs. Kates and daughter, slight  
injuries; Mr. and Mrs. Doerr,  
slightly injured; W. W. Doerr,  
bricklayer, bruised and badly cut;  
W. B. Dickerson, scalp wounded  
and concussion, serious; Mrs. Joel  
E. Giaccopazzi, badly bruised;  
Mrs. Jane Lane, injured about the  
head--will recover; Lee Richard-  
son, arm bruised and finger broken.

The following negroes were in-  
jured: Carrie Elan, fatally; Sara  
Adams, right arm broken; Albert  
Glenn, Jeremiah Glenn, Green  
Curry, Carrie Elmore, not expected  
to live; Mary Goodlaw, arm and  
leg broken; Sara Thwait, arm  
broken; Dave Elmore, serious in-  
ternal injuries; Sara Elmore, seri-  
ous internal injuries; T. E. Mar-  
tin, Rhea Curry, arm broken and  
head bruised; J. W. Wilson, badly  
bruised; Mary Calloway, scalp  
wounds; Ned Thomas, face cut;  
negro boy, hand cut.

A most significant shipment was made  
from Richmond to Atlanta yesterday.  
Reference is made to a carload of bot-  
tles made here, a carload of Richmond  
made shoes, a carload of woodenware  
made in Richmond, and a carload of bak-  
ing powder, the product of a Richmond  
factory.

A prominent transportation man said  
yesterday he regarded this as one of the  
most significant shipments made from  
Richmond in a long while. It illustrates  
the remarkable growth of the city's job-  
bing trade. Of course, baking powder  
has been sent south from Richmond for  
a long while, but the woodenware and  
bottle shipments indicate a comparatively  
new business.

It is believed that Richmond now sends  
to southern cities twice the amount of  
manufactured products she sent five years  
ago. "The beauty of it is," remarked the  
transportation man referred to, "that the  
balance of trade is very much in Rich-  
mond's favor. Compare this city with  
Atlanta. Atlanta does not ship anything  
to Richmond of consequence except coca-  
cola."

The rapidity with which Richmond is  
becoming a manufacturing city is not gen-

erally realized. The total annual value  
of her manufactured products, including  
the vessels built at the ship-yards, has  
perhaps more than doubled in ten years.

### DISCUSSES NEGRO.

Bishop Kelley Thinks They Have Not Improved  
in Thirty Years.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHARLESTON, S. C., March 25.--St.  
Mary's Roman Catholic Church, the oldest  
in the Carolinas and Georgia, was  
consecrated to-day with imposing cer-  
emonies. Bishop Northrop, of Charleston,  
was the officiating clergyman, assisted by  
Bishops Monaghan, of Wilmington, Del.;  
Hadden, of Wilmington, N. D.; Kieley,  
of Savannah, and Mr. Quigley and thirteen  
priests.

The sermon was preached by Bishop  
Kelley, of Savannah, who forcibly pre-  
sented the claim of the Roman Catholic  
Church to infallibility. In reference to  
the negro problem he declared that non-Cath-  
olic religious bodies have practically mo-  
nopolized the field of church work among  
the negroes.

"Are they any better religiously or  
morally than they were a quarter of a  
century ago? Have honesty and personal  
purity any stronger hold on them now  
than then? My answer is 'unquestion-  
ably, no.' The reason the Catholic Church  
could heretofore do nothing for them was  
that she had but few priests and limited  
means in those States. There is involved  
in this question a social problem and on  
its practical solution depends the well-  
being of both peoples; depends maybe the  
preservation of our civilization. I have  
no hesitation in making the assertion that  
to the Catholic Church must the negro  
look for amelioration of his spiritual con-  
dition."

He closed with a tribute to Bishop  
Northrop, of Charleston, and said that  
the church in which he was preach-  
ing.

"St. Mary's almost ante-dates the hier-  
archy in the United States, for one year  
before our first bishop, John Carroll, was  
consecrated arrangements were com-  
menced for its formal establishment."

DOERS DEFEATED.  
Bellevue's Column, Fifteen Hundred Strong  
Beaten.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, March 25.--The War Office  
has received the following dispatch from  
Lord Kitchener:  
"Pretoria, March 25th.  
"Babington's force, including Shekelle-  
ton's column, attacked Bellevue, 1,500  
strong, southwest of Ventersdorp, and  
having defeated him, followed him up  
rapidly, with the result that the Boer  
force was driven in, and their com-  
munications cut. They captured 200  
pounds of powder, 100 rounds of ammu-  
nition, 100 rifles, 50 wagons  
and 21 carts, besides taking 100 prisoners.  
"Our losses were slight. Many Boers  
were killed or wounded."

### MUCH BLOODSHED.

Military and Factory Hands Clash in St.  
Petersburg.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, March 25.--A dispatch to the  
Daily Mail from St. Petersburg says:  
"A collision occurred here Sunday evening  
between the military and a body of  
factory hands. There was much blood-  
shed and many arrests were made."  
At Intschau, Korea, collisions have oc-  
curred between the people and missionary  
students, and several students have been  
killed or wounded.

### NEGOTIATIONS CLOSED.

No More Discussion of Peace Terms With the  
Boers.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, March 25.--The Colonial Sec-  
retary, Joseph Chamberlain, who sat in  
the House of Commons to-day if it was  
possible to continue the offer of peace  
terms to the Boers, said the negotiations  
were closed and there was no intention  
of reopening them.

### Chart Was Defective.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.--The  
report of a committee of inquiry to ex-  
amine into the conditions under which  
the battleship Massachusetts grounded in  
Pensacola harbor shows that where  
the coast survey chart gives a depth of  
five fathoms, there is actually but 4-1/2  
fathoms of water--not enough for the  
Massachusetts, because of the depth of  
the hull. Captain Train acquitted of respon-  
sibility.

### Appointed by the President.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, March 25.--The Presi-  
dent has appointed Marion Erwin  
United States attorney for the Southern  
District of Georgia; ex-Representative W.  
A. Rodenberg, of Illinois, to be a member  
of the Civil Service Commission, to suc-  
ceed the late Hark H. Brewer; and Proce-  
dure L. Allen, of Auburn, N. Y., commis-  
sioner of patents, to succeed Commissioner  
Deol, resigned.

### Naval Orders.

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, March 25.--Two impor-  
tant naval changes were announced at  
the Navy Department to-day. Captain  
F. W. Dickins has been assigned to the  
command of the cruiser Brooklyn, on the  
Atlantic Station, relieving Captain C. M.  
Thomas, who has been transferred to the  
command of the Oregon.

### British Soldiers Sabred.

(By Associated Press.)  
TIENTSIN, March 25.--In an affray  
last evening two members of the Welsh  
Fusiliers and a member of the Victorian  
Contingent, who were acting as police-  
men, were sabred and bayoneted. It is  
alleged that Germans were the princi-  
pal culprits.

### Hearing Postponed.

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, March 25.--The hearing  
in the case of the young man who fired five  
shots in the Pubet Hotel restaurant last  
Thursday, was to-day postponed until  
April 1st. Moulton is still confined in  
Bellevue Hospital.

### Old St. Charles on Fire.

An alarm was turned in from Box 131  
shortly after midnight. The fire, after  
some hard searching on the part of the  
firemen, was finally located in the rear  
of the old St. Charles Hotel, at the cor-  
ner of Fifteenth and Main Streets.  
Some of the workmen engaged in de-  
molishing the old structure took fire on  
some loose bricks during the day. The  
bricks became heated and ignited the  
flooring and laths. No damage was done.

# Candidates for THE CONVENTION

Primary Plan Adopted In  
Many Places.

## MR. GOODE'S SPEECH.

He Addressed Voters In Bedford On  
Convention Issues.

## REFORM OF THE JUDICIARY.

This and the Lopping Off of Unnecessary  
Offices He Regards as of Prime Im-  
portance--Advises the People to  
Go Slow in the Matter of  
Dividing the School  
Funds.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)  
BEDFORD CITY, VA., March 25.--Mr.  
John Goode addressed the voters in the  
County Courthouse here to-day at the  
noon recess. Mr. Goode was in excellent  
trim, and his speech, scholarly and in-  
dependent, was a splendid exposition of  
the issues before the coming Constitu-  
tional Convention, and of his own views  
in matters of reform.

First in importance he regarded the  
reform of the judiciary system and the  
lopping off of unnecessary offices. Mr.  
Goode favors a plan of circuit judges  
somewhat similar to the system in vogue  
in North Carolina, where the work of the  
county judge and circuit judge, as at  
present divided in Virginia, is combined  
in one office.

One attorney for the Commonwealth  
sitting on the court at its sittings in the  
county and thus many Commonwealth's  
attorneys can be disposed of. Mr. Goode  
would give jurisdiction in misdemeanor  
and similar cases to magistrates and the  
number of these he would reduce. In  
this way county judges could be relieved  
of the petty cases which they have authority  
in civil and criminal cases. Mr. Goode  
would substitute a recorder for the clerk  
of the County Court, with powers similar  
to those of the recorder of deeds at  
Washington.

STIFFLEAGE QUESTION.  
Mr. Goode's views on the suffrage  
question have already been given at  
length in The Times. He would pre-  
scribe an education or property qualifi-  
cation without regard to race, color  
or previous condition of servitude, ex-  
cepting, however, from his restrictions  
those and the descendants of those who  
had taken arms in time of war in pro-  
tection of their State. This arrangement  
would bear judicial scrutiny, as the U. S.  
Supreme Court in the case of Williams  
vs. The State of Mississippi (U. S. Re-  
ports, 170), had unanimously sustained  
the constitutionality of such a restriction  
on politics the venal, effeminate  
negro, and would put a premium on  
good citizenship. When excellent ne-  
groes, of the old school, had collected a  
little property, Mr. Goode would submit  
a small property qualification in lieu  
of an educational requirement, so as not  
to disfranchise them.

The trusts were also considered. The  
speaker did not deny the utility of cor-  
porations when properly controlled, but  
expressed great apprehension for the  
future when all the millions would be  
in one great company and the stock-  
holders would be to-day. Mr. Goode called attention  
to the fact that one-half the entire num-  
ber of the land is controlled by the New York  
banks, and that the Standard Oil banks  
control one-seventh of all the circulating  
medium in connection with his con-  
sideration of the power of the power of the  
sugar, tobacco, coal, leather and all the  
other trusts. He is in favor of making  
it mandatory upon the General Assembly  
to enact laws forbidding combinations of  
persons, firms, associations and corpo-  
rations from placing restrictions upon trade  
or monopolizing the production and sale  
of merchandise or commodities. In the  
case of the Waters-Pierce Co. vs. the  
State of Texas, 17 U. S. Reports, the  
United States has upheld the rights  
of the State to make such regulations.

INCOME TAX.  
Mr. Goode favors a capitation tax, an  
income tax and general tax upon personal  
and real property, and thinks a board of  
equalization should be created to make  
assessment in the different counties.  
In regard to the division of taxes for  
education purposes in proportion to the  
amount paid in by each race, the speak-  
er's advice was "go slow." There are  
legal and constitutional difficulties in the  
way, even granting the education of the  
negro had proved a failure. The attempt  
had failed in North Carolina, being a  
violation of the Fourteenth Amendment. He  
called attention to the fact that when  
Virginia submitted to the Union Janu-  
ary 28, 1870, it was on the specified con-  
dition that it should not deprive or dis-  
criminate against negroes in school  
rights. Mr. Goode said it was best to  
watch the suffrage clause and then let  
the General Assembly take steps later if  
necessary.

## SHE SHOT AT THE BURGLARS

Plucky Wife of the Atlantic-Coast  
Line's Night Operator at  
Stony Creek.

Snatches of a most interesting story,  
but enough to show that Night Operator  
G. H. Morris, at Stony Creek, has an un-  
commonly plucky woman for a wife, were  
ticked into the Atlantic Coast Line dis-  
patcher's office here by the Union Jan-  
uary 28, 1870. It was on the specified con-  
dition that it should not deprive or dis-  
criminate against negroes in school  
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watch the suffrage clause and then let  
the General Assembly take steps later if  
necessary.

He ran out and heard two men, or  
more, running from the house. He fired  
twice in their direction. He then rushed  
into the house and found that an attempt  
had been made to break into the resi-  
dence. Mrs. Morris stood at the door, and  
also screamed. It is not known that any  
of the shots took effect.  
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cited. Mrs. Morris stood at the door, and  
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He favored submission of the new in-  
strument to the voters qualified under its  
provisions.

## IN ACCOMAC.

Primary Plan to Select Candidates to  
Convention.  
(Special Dispatch to The Times.)  
ONANCOCK, VA., March 25.--The  
Democrats of Accomac in mass-meeting  
at Accomac courthouse to-day deter-  
mined upon a primary election April 27th  
to nominate delegates to the Constitu-  
tional Convention.

Judge J. W. G. Blackstone and N. B.  
Wescott have announced their candi-  
dacy.

Delegates were elected to the conven-  
tion to name floater delegates for Accomac  
and Northampton and for Accomac  
and Elizabeth City.

## PLAN IN LUNENBURG.

Precinct Primaries Are to Be Held on April  
23d.  
(Special Dispatch to The Times.)  
LUNENBURG COURTHOUSE, March  
25.--The Democratic County Committee  
met here to-day to arrange the time and  
mode of selecting a delegate for the  
Constitutional Convention.

The plan provides that the Democrats  
have precinct primaries on April 23d.  
The voting shall be by viva voce.  
Three judges at each precinct are to be  
selected by the candidates. The ex-  
penses of the election, if any, are to be  
borne by the candidates.

The committee also elected Mr. Wel-  
lington Featherston county chairman,  
vice E. C. Stokes, who declined re-election.

A resolution of thanks and commenda-  
tion was unanimously adopted by the  
committee in recognition of the able and  
faithful party service of the retiring  
chairman, Mr. Stokes.

Mr. Featherston, the new chairman, is  
a young man of sterling ability and char-  
acter, and will, no doubt, make an ac-  
ceptable and capable county chairman.

## Bedford County.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)  
BEDFORD, VA., March 25.--The Dem-  
ocratic Executive Committee met to-  
day in the office of Mr. H. O. Hum-  
phreys, its chairman, and decided to hold  
a primary election April 18th, to select  
convention candidates.

## STEEL MAGNATES MEET.

The Personnel of the Board of Directors De-  
termined.  
(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 25.--There was  
a conference of steel magnates at the of-  
fice of J. P. Morgan & Company to-day.  
It was attended by Mr. Morgan, Judge  
Gary, Charles M. Schwab, John W.  
Gates, and Senator Mark Hanna.

After it was over the participants de-  
clined to go into particulars, although  
one of them said that the size and color  
of the new steel certificates of the  
United States Steel Corporation were  
discussed. From other sources it was  
learned that the personnel of the Board  
of Directors of the United States Steel  
Corporation was decided upon.

During the afternoon there were many  
rumors about that much more had been  
settled. It was said that the American  
steel and wire interests, of which Isaac  
W. Wood is the chief representative, have  
been satisfied and would operate in har-  
mony with Mr. Gates. That the iron  
and transportation interests represented  
by Mr. Hanna had been brought closer  
to the large steel concern.

## SUPREME COURT ADJOURNED.

Decision in Porto Rican Case Was Not Ren-  
dered.  
(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.--The  
United States Supreme Court to-day de-  
clined the application of Alexander Mc-  
Kenzie for leave to file a petition for a  
writ of habeas corpus releasing him from  
imprisonment in California under the pro-  
visions of the Insular Court of Appeals.  
The decision of the court was based on  
the ground that a habeas corpus proce-  
eding cannot be made the basis of a  
preceding in error.

The court to-day reversed the decision  
of the Supreme Court of the District of  
Columbia in the case of Throckmorton vs.  
Holz, involving the validity of the will of  
the late Judge Advocate-General Holz.  
The District Court threw the will out.  
The Porto Rican case was not decided  
by the Supreme Court to-day. The court  
adjourned until April 8th.

## WE MAY PROTEST.

Russian Domination of Korea Not Acceptable  
Here.  
(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.--The  
State Department has received from Mr.  
Allen, our Minister at Seoul, Korea, ad-  
vices confirming the cable report of the  
removal of McClary Brown, the Director-  
General of Korean Customs.  
As this action of the Emperor, under-  
taken at the behest of Russia, goes far  
to wipe out the integrity of Korea, ac-  
cording to the estimate of the officials  
here, it will not be allowed to pass with-  
out remonstrance on our part. For the  
officials are convinced that Russian domi-  
nation of Korea would mean the exting-  
uishment of American interests in that  
quarter, and these in recent years have  
become important.

# "GOVERNORS" WERE HERE IN FORCE

Three Candidates Shook  
Hands at Murphy's.

## ALL EXPECT VICTORY

Mr. Swanson Says He Has Picked  
the Winner.

## RALLY AT CORCORAN HALL.

Several Convention Candidates Address the  
Voters--Various Clubs Planning Meet-  
ings--Gossip of Politics from  
Over the State--Convention  
Candidates Cropping Up  
Everywhere.

Three candidates for the Governorship  
met in the lobby at Murphy's last night.  
Claude A. Swanson, Hon. Edward  
Ehols and Capt. Dick Marshall.

Senator Thomas S. Martin was a con-  
spicuous figure of the group, and those  
nearly enjoying the meeting were Hon. W.  
P. Dupuy, member of the House from  
Roanoke; Hon. George V. Humley, member  
from Mathews, and Mr. George Lindsay,  
of Portsmouth, clerk of a House commit-  
tee.

There were never before so many "gov-  
ernors" in the lobby, judging by the num-  
ber of times the title was heard. For each  
of the candidates was most punctilious in  
applying it to the other. All the conver-  
sation was humorous. Senator Martin tak-  
ing occasion to make a number of jocular  
references to the candidacy of the three.  
The group broke up in a few minutes. Mr.  
Ehols having to hurry off to catch a  
train. Capt. Marshall and Senator Martin  
had engagements at the Westmoreland,  
and Mr. Swanson had to go into the  
restaurant for his dinner.

Mr. Ehols came down from Staunton  
yesterday afternoon. He was on his way  
to Cumberland last night, and will go on  
to Cumberland to-day. Mr. Ehols is in fine  
health and spirits. His campaign, he says,  
is progressing excellently. He has received  
letters assuring him of strength all over  
Virginia.

Capt. Marshall came to the city on busi-  
ness. He, too, expressed the utmost con-  
fidence in his nomination. He has always  
done so.

Now, everybody knows that Mr. Swanson  
and Mr. Montague will each get some  
votes. Mr. Ehols and Mr. Marshall, one  
of the peculiar features of this gubernatorial  
contest is that the friends of Mr.  
Ehols and Mr. Marshall each expect  
their principal to be chosen as a  
promising candidate. They expect to see  
the right of 1871 repeated, when F. W. M.  
Holladay was chosen as the compromise  
between William Mahone and John Dan-  
iel. The friends of Marshall and Ehols  
expect their candidate to play Holladay  
to Mr. Swanson's and Mr. Montague's  
Daniel and Mahone.

"I will live in Richmond for a while,"  
said Mr. Swanson last night. "Of course,  
I will go out over the State, more or  
less, but this will be headquarters. No  
I haven't any news. Do I know who's  
going to be the next Governor? Certainly  
I picked the winner long ago."

The smile that illuminated his face left  
no doubt as to the identity of the candi-  
date Mr. Swanson had in mind. The fact  
is commented upon that during the past  
two or three weeks Mr. Swanson has  
greatly enlarged the circle of his friends  
in Richmond. He has met hundreds of  
people to whom he was personally in-  
known. Of course, they have not all been  
made known by the acquaintance,  
but they have been made his friends.  
That something about him which men  
call "magnetism" for want of a better  
term, will be worth lots of votes if prop-  
erly applied. That it will be so, as  
those who know the Virginia congress-  
man do not doubt.

Senator Martin, who came here with  
Mr. Swanson last night from Washing-  
ton, will be in the city for some days.  
The deep interest which Mr. Martin is  
taking in the fight for Mr. Martin is mak-  
ing a well-known gentleman of this  
city a few days ago that he had not been  
so anxious to gain a seat in the Senate  
of the United States as he is to see  
Claude Swanson made Governor of Vir-  
ginia. The fidelity of Mr. Martin to  
Swanson is generally fully equaled by  
Mr. Swanson's fidelity to Mr. Martin.

## HE HAD MONEY TO THROW AWAY

Crazy German Strewed Car Floor  
With Shreds Made Twenty-Dollar Bills.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)  
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., March 25.--  
H. Bohler, a passenger on the Southern  
Railway between this city and Lynch-  
burg, became violently insane this morn-  
ing and had to be put under restraint by  
the conductor and his brakeman. When  
the train reached this city the infuriated  
man, who is a native of Germany, was  
taken from the train and placed in the  
city jail.

While on the train he imagined that  
the passengers were masked and were  
planning to rob him. He said that the  
conductor had a tin box which contained  
poison which he was sprinkling on him.  
While under this delusion he drew from  
his pocket a handful of \$20 bills and tore  
them in shreds and scattered the pieces  
over the car and then threw out of the  
car window a bill of New York Exchange  
for \$200. The fragments of the torn  
notes were picked up by the conductor  
and are now in the custody of Chief Far-  
ish, of this city.

Bohler, who is about sixty years of age,  
said that he has lived seventeen years in  
America, and that he had recently sold  
his farm near Shreveport for the sum of  
\$2,500 and was on his return to Germany,  
where he claims to have a wife and chil-  
dren.

WEATHER FORECAST  
Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday:  
Virginia--Rain, Tuesday, colder in west-  
ern portion; fresh to brisk southerly  
wind, becoming westerly; Wednesday,  
fair.  
North Carolina--Rain Tuesday, fresh to  
brisk southerly winds, becoming westerly;  
Wednesday, fair.

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## MANY STRONG PLEAS MADE.

Leading Business and Professional Men and  
Educators Strongly Urge the City to  
Seize the Opportunity to Do  
a Great Thing for the  
Prosperity of Her  
People.

The chances seem good for Richmond  
to have a public library. The people  
want it and the Council seems disposed  
to do its part toward securing it.

The Finance Committee last night,  
after a long and interesting session, de-  
cided to recommend to the Council that  
it accept the offer of Mr. Andrew Car-  
negie to give \$200,000 for the establish-  
ment of the library, provided the city  
would appropriate \$10,000 annually for  
its maintenance.

A number of influential and representa-  
tive citizens were heard in earnest ad-  
vocate of such a course. The need of a  
public library and the great advantages  
which result and have resulted else-  
where from the establishment of such  
where they were discussed. After a short ex-  
ecutive session, the committee voted to ac-  
cept Mr. Carnegie's offer.

MANY COMMUNICATIONS.  
The committee met in the Council  
Chamber, and there were many interest-  
ing citizens present despite the heavy  
rain.

The clerk of the committee read the  
resolution of acceptance offered in the  
Board of Aldermen by Mr. Whitteit and  
referred to the Finance Committee, and  
the letter of Mr. Carnegie to Mr.  
Whitteit.

The other communications read were the  
resolution of the Board of Directors of the  
Chamber of Commerce, advising the de-  
clination of the Passenger and Power  
Company's offer to support the library for  
five years, which was accompanied by the  
letter of the Passenger and Power Com-  
pany to the Chamber of Commerce; the  
resolutions of the Randolph Literary So-  
ciety; the resolutions of the Woman's  
Club; the resolutions of the faculty of  
Richmond College; a communication from  
W. B. of Washington, Va.; a communi-  
cation from Lewis H. Blair; the resolu-  
tion of the Richmond Educational As-  
sociation, and the resolutions of the Rich-  
mond Art Club.

Mr. Robert Whitteit, Sr., spoke for the  
acceptance of Mr. Carnegie's offer. The  
advantage and desirability of a library  
are so great, thought Mr. Whitteit, that  
the burden which Mr. Carnegie's offer im-  
posed should be assumed gladly. The  
\$200,000 building would be a valuable  
addition to the city's assets. Mr. Whitteit  
thought the offer could not be well de-  
clined.

## MUST HAVE THE LIBRARY.

Mr. Callich thought Richmond could not  
longer afford to be without a library.  
Some say books are cheap and in the  
reach of every one, but these books are  
cheap books in every sense. The young  
student's tastes will be guided into better  
and safer paths by a public library than  
by the reading of the cheap literature of  
the day. Mr. Callich thought the senti-  
ment which led to objecting to the accep-  
tance of the offer of citizens or combina-  
tions for such a purpose, a foolish one.  
If a library was to be accepted, the Lee  
monument, the Yorktown picture in the  
Capitol and other much-prized public  
ornaments of the city would have to be  
given up. We must have the library, said  
Mr. Callich.

Col. Anderson said he had not come to  
speak, but to testify by his presence of his  
interest in the matter. He earnestly hoped  
the library would be secured and suggested  
an additional tax if necessary.

Mr. S. S. P. Patterson explained the fea-  
tures of the bill passed by the Legislature  
at the last regular session, allowing ad-  
ditional taxation for a library if necessary.  
He thought the library should be secured  
with or without taxation. Mr. Carnegie's  
offer should be accepted at once.

## RARE CHANCE FOR CITY.

Mr. C. V. Meredith was of opinion that  
offers of this character don't come every  
day. A library would give an opportunity  
that Richmond's citizens have never had.  
It is to the discredit of Richmond and  
Virginia